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Proposed amended Claim 1 below is a combination of the latest amended Claims 1, 10, 13 (original) and 14. We think that it is not taught by the prior art.

A network interface, comprising:
 a direct memory access unit; and
 circuitry to:

receive and transmit network data;

maintain a set of statistics metering operation of the network interface, the set of statistics including at least one selected from the group of: (1) a number of bytes received, and (2) a number of packets received;

receive a periodic time value to perform periodic direct memory access transfers of the maintained set of statistics to a host processor memory; [[and]] periodically initiate a direct memory access transfer of the set of statistics to the host processor memory at a periodicity of the periodic time value [[.]]; and

configure said initiation of the direct memory access transfers by intercepting packets received from the host traveling along a transmit path and determining configuration information from the received packets.